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SWAN DANCE
Eastern's dance theatre will have a dance production April 28 and 29. B5

ACTIVITIES



READ 'EM AND WEEP

More than 50 authors, both regional and local, will highlight Eastern's ninth Book Fest Friday at the Stratton Building. B3

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WEATHER

TODAY High 73, Low 49, partly sunny
FRIDAY High 75, Low 55, mostly cloudy
SATURDAY High 75, Low 56, cloudy



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SUMMER SCHOOL?



With spring finally here — or so it seems — Eastern students can once again get outdoors and enjoy the warmth of the sun.

Leesa Barnett (above), a sophomore home economics teaching major from Shelbyville, took advantage of warm weather Friday to work on her tan on Clay Hall's roof.

Jason Self (right), a sophomore broadcasting major from Washington Court House, Ohio, looked for higher ground while out roller blading near the Powell Building Friday.

Progress/MARIE MOFFITT



Decline in residential living forces cutbacks

Halls lose 20 percent of RAs beginning next semester

By DON PERRY
Editor

Greg Partin planned on quitting as a resident assistant in Commonwealth Hall anyway, and said he is sure he made the right decision after hearing the university is cutting the number of RAs by 20 percent.

"Knowing this made it a little easier," said the senior environmental health major.

Partin, like all RAs, is paid \$4.25 an hour for 11 hours a week and is given a private room for the same price as the usual double room to monitor at least one floor of a residence hall.

He said he enjoyed the job, but wanted to take a co-op job rather than be an RA his senior year. A meeting last month when RA's

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MICHAEL HUMMEL,
Palmer Hall RA

were told their work load might double only made him more sure of his choice.

Other RAs say the university cutbacks will make the residential position less effective.

"I see it as a degeneration in the quality of student life," said Michael Hummel, a Palmer Hall RA who is graduating in May. "One of the main responsibilities of an RA is to try to get students to

grow as an individual. This is clearly going to handicap the staff."

Hummel, voted the best RA by the Brockton-Commonwealth-Palmer area last year, said he sees no benefit in cutting the number of RAs.

"It has no result but negative," he said. "I see no positives in it."

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Student sends Clinton letter asking for U.S. intervention

By MARY ANN LAWRENCE
News editor

When Jerry Mwangbe left Liberia, Africa, in 1993, he planned to finish his education in America and return to educate the youth in his country.

Now, with graduation looming just four weeks ahead of him, he finds himself seeking political asylum to be allowed to remain in the United States, because Liberian political factions are engaging in bloody warfare in his homeland.

"I'm supposed to graduate in four weeks," he said. "I don't know what I'm going to do. I was supposed to graduate and go home and cultivate the peace process. Now, I can't do that. I want to go home."

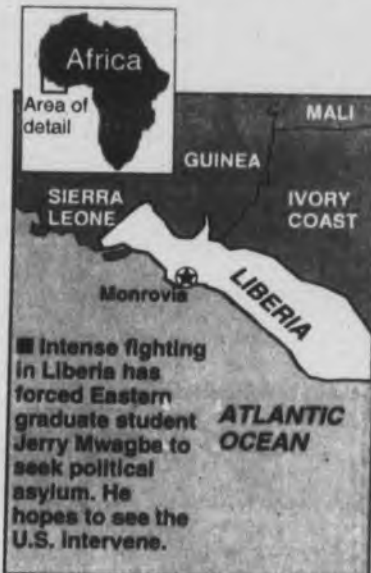
The 32-year-old graduate student said he believes the only way he can

go home is if his nation gets help from the United States. He has written a letter to President Bill Clinton asking for immediate and direct U.S. intervention.

"Liberia is such that we have a war generation," he said. "Juveniles — teenagers — are the ones holding guns. They don't know anything much better. They're not in school. They wait for first outbreaks of violence to get to their enemies' loot. So faction leaders have no control. Once violence erupts, anarchy takes over."

"That's the reason I say it's time America goes in. Not to fight anybody, just to put the fear of God in them."

Liberia, a small nation on the west coast of Africa, has been



Progress/TIM MOLLETTE

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Campus to offer gun training

By MATT MCCARTY
Managing editor

The General Assembly passed its concealed weapons bill last month, but a decision on what exactly someone will need to do to obtain a permit is still three weeks away.

Chuck Sayre, the commissioner of the department of criminal justice training, said his department is one of two which will train instructors. The department of fish and wildlife will also do training.

"We will try to assure people that carry weapons will be given training that will make them responsible for what they can and can't do," Sayre said.

He said the two departments will meet again next week to try to "hammer out the details."

The two sides must agree on a proposal which would detail the curriculum for instructors and for people obtaining permits.

Sayre said they are about three weeks away from finalizing the proposal and training for instructors could begin as early as mid-July.

Sayre said the proposal would very likely require that instructors be at least 21, residents of Kentucky, pass a background check and have good moral character. Training sessions for instructors would be three to five

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CHUCK SAYRE, commissioner,
department of criminal justice training

eight-hour days.

Sayre said he had mixed feelings about the bill, which would allow citizens to obtain a permit to carry concealed weapons. However, permit carriers could not carry weapons onto campus.

"On one hand, I hated to see the law come into effect," Sayre said, "but on the other hand, I knew it was going to and people had them anyway. I'd much rather have people trained carrying weapons."

Individuals who come to Eastern for training will be permitted to bring their weapons on campus, Sayre said, because "law enforcement officers have to carry weapons

anyway."

Despite the campus ban on weapons, Sayre said people are still likely to have them.

"It's just like someone driving through campus," he said. "People drive through campus with weapons in cars all the time."

Sayre said the department's training of instructors will not be limited to Eastern, but will include training at sites throughout the state.

The difficulty will come in finding the classroom facilities and range areas to perform the instruction.

"Ranges are hard to find," Sayre said.

The legislature asked the department of criminal justice training if it could handle the program and its officials told them, "Yes, we could," Sayre said.

He said the department has an instructional staff of 39, and "most of our people are firearm instructors already."

One aspect of the training the departments want to make certain of is consistency, Sayre said.

They want people who train to be instructors to know what to teach permit seekers and know the importance of teaching it the same way.

"It's going to be a canned course," Sayre said. "Whether they take it in Paducah or Pikeville, it's the same course."

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INSIDE

TENNIS SWINGS INTO OVC

The Lady Colonel tennis squad is one of six Eastern teams heading to Tennessee to compete in their respective OVC Championships. To find out when the teams play, see B7.



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Craving a healthier, skinny body

I'm having withdrawal symptoms. After more than two years of denying I had a problem, I have come to cope with reality and decided to stop before it's too late.

Stop, before it kills me. It all started innocently enough during my first semester at Eastern. As hard as it is to admit, I should have known it was coming. My friends told me it could happen, but I never thought I could get caught up in such a mess. Then again, I was going to get to live on my own, and for the first time, I could consume whatever I wanted.

After that first semester, I thought I had proved everyone wrong. It wasn't going to happen to me. Little did I know I was already on the path to a serious problem.



Don Perry
CARPE DIEM

Death by cheeseburger

It started with cheeseburgers and pizzas. It was OK though — I had heard about the "freshman 15." Then things got worse. Eventually, over the course of four years, I went from the freshman 15 to the senior 70 plus some more.

Soon my pant size began growing from 32 to 34 and 36. I was beginning to get concerned. But like most people with a problem, I told myself I could lose the weight anytime.

But that wasn't the case. Soon, the fat jokes I'd made in my younger, skinnier days came back to haunt me.

Old friends were saying, "Oh, my God. You have put on the weight," or even better, "How much weight have you gained?"

Now, four pant sizes bigger (wearing a whopping 40) and 90 pounds heavier, I can finally admit I have a weight problem. Even worse, I have a eating problem which caused the weight problem.

It became too much to handle when I maxed out at more than 260 pounds. Not only was I fat and loathed by my image, I realized just how unhealthy it was for me to be overweight.

Diet right

Last week, I decided I had had enough of feeling insecure about my weight, enough of looking in the mirror with disgust and enough of being just plain unhealthy.

Determined to drop the 90 excess pounds I have acquired during my tour of duty at Eastern, I started a diet.

Unlike the few diets I've started in the past, I plan on sticking to this one. No more cheeseburgers, no more pizza and no more fried chicken — at least not much anyway.

While losing weight is a goal, the "diet" is more about eating right and feeling better about myself. Only it's harder done than said.

It has been more than a week since I sank my teeth into a nice, sauce-filled Big Mac or munched on some greasy, salt-covered fries.

Believe me, it has been hard resisting the temptation to run out and grab a bite, but I'm determined to lose weight.

Every evening, a few hours after my now-healthy dinner, I'm ready for the usual late-night snack I was accustomed to having prior to last week. It's then when eating healthy has been the hardest.

The withdrawal symptoms have become almost unbearable, but I'm determined to do it. I'm going to fight and overcome a problem I have created for myself, no matter how much my mouth waters or how much I crave eating at a greasy spoon.



Daycare delay New building should open up site

It looks like students will have to suffer through at least one more semester of sitting next to a 6-year-old in some classes. Because of a lack of space, a university daycare program is far from reality.

Faculty senate proposed last September that the university begin a daycare program for faculty and students. The proposal made it to President Hanly Funderburk's desk, but has not moved since.

Funderburk said there is no room for the daycare and that is the major hold-up.

We have a solution to this problem. When the new wellness/classroom building is complete, many of the offices and classrooms in Begley Building will move into the new building. Some of the empty rooms in Begley can be turned into a daycare facility or other offices moved around to create proper space.

Problem solved.

Many students are forced to bring their children to class with them because they can't find an off-campus daycare, they don't have the transportation necessary to go off-campus or an emergency just came up before class.

With a daycare facility on campus, students could walk their children to daycare before classes and pick them up afterwards. This solves the transportation problem.

When faculty senate proposed the daycare, it provided a study showing there was a need for campus daycare and that all off-campus facilities were filled.

With this situation, there is a need as well as an opportunity present. Students need the daycare. The university could run one, providing educational opportunities for students and making a little money along the way. The university could run its own daycare with similar fees as outside daycares and turn a profit.

Students majoring in daycare areas could work in the laboratory facility, which would help cut down on costs and meet the university's educational mission.

By opening a campus daycare, the university would be in a no-loss situation. Students and faculty with children would have a safe place to leave their children, and instructors who may be tired of having children disrupt their classes would be free of the disturbance. Everyone wins.

BOTTOM LINE: Do something good for everyone: make plans for a daycare facility on campus as soon as the wellness/classroom building is complete and space becomes free.

Elected officers expected to lead students

Melody Mason and Molly Neuroth were elected as next year's president and vice president of the Student Government Association Tuesday without any opposition.

Both are experienced leaders, especially Mason who was vice president this year. With Mason and president Joe Hoffman in office, student senate accomplished several things of importance to students.

One proposal student government leaders saw through was the open house proposal. Getting this proposal passed was important to SGA because students have voiced strong opinions about it. Its passage shows that student government can champion students and make a difference on campus.

We challenge Mason and Neuroth to continue the good work started this year. Fight with the administration to get needed proposals passed, such as the open house and daycare proposals.

When issues are facing students, such as tuition hikes or the lack of funding of higher education, we'd like to see our student government take a stand. Stage a rally or bring in an administrator or

legislator to discuss students' concerns.

We realize forums have been scheduled in the past with little or no student participation, but we ask Mason and Neuroth to not give up. Continue to hold forums and work just a little harder to get the students out.

Consider holding forums in hall lobbies to produce more involvement. Have a forum and require each senator to show up with at least one friend. If we want to get more input and continue to get worthwhile proposals passed, SGA must get students involved.

We want to see student government become more of a force on this campus. The ground work has been laid to get there. Now, it's up to Mason and Neuroth to carry it to fruition. With help from the rest of the student body, we believe they can make student senate a body to be reckoned with.

BOTTOM LINE: Have rallies, more forums and get the students to show up. Then we'll see even more changes that will affect the entire student body.

Trust the key to a good relationship

It is the one thing involved in every relationship a person will ever have. It is the only reason relationships with other people are possible.

It is trust. We are taught to trust from the time we are born. We trust our parents to feed us, shelter us, clothe us and love us. We don't consciously learn to trust this way — it just comes naturally.

Imagine if your parents had not provided all these necessities while you were growing up. You probably would have a hard time believing anyone would ever care for you. You, because you weren't taught trust, would probably have a hard time ever trusting anyone.

Parents are not the only people we put trust in during our lifetime. Later in life, we put our trust in the people we spend most of our time with — friends.

Friendships need trust

On any playground in America, you can find little girls holding hands with their girlfriends and little boys rough-housing with their friends. These relationships grow as we get older and develop even closer friends.

We call these people our best friends. Best friends are trusted with secrets, even the embarrassing ones. We tell them about our crushes, about things that make us angry that we can't tell everyone about, and we let them see us as we really are.

I could never tell these things to someone I couldn't trust to keep these secrets. That is part of friendships, and friendships are based on compatibility and trust.

Throughout life, the relationship which involves the most trust is a relationship with the opposite sex. Trust has to be the most important element in this type of relationship.

It has to be the most important element, because women and men are so different and trust seems to be a hard thing to come by when you put the two together. Most women don't understand men and most men don't understand women, so trusting one another with anything can be a hard thing to do.

Once a person puts trust in another person that trust becomes a fragile thing. It is easily broken by the person either by doing something unconsciously or by just blatantly betraying you.

Individual choice

When trust is broken, the emotions involved reach far beyond just hurt feelings. Pain, a sense of betrayal, anger and sometimes loneliness are all emotions that can become overwhelming when trust is broken.

If the person you trust most with everything turns on you and betrays your trust, it can cause major feelings of loneliness, especially if the person is someone you spent most of your time with.

Then comes a decision. Do you forgive, can you forgive, someone who has betrayed your trust? Is that person worth giving them the chance to hurt you again?

Oddly, this is a choice that each individual must trust themselves to make. Trust is the key to all our relationships, a key without which we could not be human.

Unless we can trust someone, we can't love them. If you love or care about someone, trust them and give them every reason to trust you in return. Believe me, if you aren't honest with one another and trust each other with anything, there is no future for a relationship.

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CLARIFICATION

A headline on a story about the classroom/wellness building in last week's issue was misleading. The story focused on the academic areas that are going to be served by the classroom/wellness building.

The building will include more wellness classrooms, athletic training classrooms, lecture classrooms and related academic offices than originally proposed.

A quote by Robert Baugh, dean of the college of health, physical education and recreation, was placed in an incorrect context.

His quote, "The facilities will be primarily for athletes," should have referred to the proposed building's conditioning/weight room area, not the building itself.

PERSPECTIVE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senator says proposal editorial off base

In response to last week's editorial, "Preposterous proposals - senate decisions lack student input," I would like to say the article was a perfect example of tabloid journalism. It stated that student senate was lacking student input on the issues, and then went on to criticize three senate proposals.

First of all, I would like to remind you student senate does in fact have student input, hence the name student senate. I think you tend to forget that members of the student senate are students.

Second, I would like to inform you in more detail about the three proposals you were so quick to judge without really knowing what you were saying (A.K.A. tabloid journalism).

The first proposal you butchered would allow students with disabilities to register early with seniors so they would have more classes to choose from.

This proposal would give students with disabilities more freedom to schedule classes closer together or at times better for students with disabilities to get to.

Student senate would love to have \$10 million to make the campus more accessible, but we must make due with what we have.

The next proposal you so freely attacked would allow contracted upperclassmen the option to register without an adviser's signature. This proposal would benefit both the student and adviser. You wrote, "The only advisers it would help are the small percentage in fields where pre-planned curriculum are used. It would change nothing for the majority of advisers."

Whoever wrote the article should research more before they open their big mouth. If you had, you would know all students must sign contracts with their adviser when they are juniors.

In simple terms, this means you plan out your last two years with your adviser.

I also feel you were insulting our students' intelligence when you said, "whether we like it or not, we all need advising... preventing uninformed scheduling decisions." Look who is uninformed.

The last proposal that was

viciously under examined was a proposal for a non-traditional student orientation seminar. You wrote, "Student senate was considering a throwback to the days of segregation." How absurd and ludicrous are you?

I feel your analogy was tasteless and disrespectful. The only purpose for this separate orientation is to cater to the scheduling needs of these often overlooked students. Non-traditional students have a hard time making it to the summer freshman orientation due to class, other work or family commitments.

In closing, I would like to say your editorial, in your quest for controversial news, belongs in the pages of Weekly World News.

I hope whoever wrote it isn't a journalism major, because if you are, you need help.

BOTTOM LINE: Research what you write. Know what you're talking about. If you don't, you sound just like the rest of the half-baked liberals in this state.

Lawrence Muennich
Political science

Non-traditional proposal had student input

We would like to thank you for expressing your views concerning student senate proposals. However, it is important for you to know that the student association has a balanced representation of the Eastern Kentucky University population. This includes non-traditional students.

In your editorial regarding segregation of traditional and non-traditional students, you suggested that a separate orientation for non-traditional students was an ill-conceived notion on the senate's part devoid of student input and pertinent information.

tion. Not!

We feel confident in making this statement, because we are non-traditional student senators, as well as student representatives on the commission of non-traditional students. Serving in these capacities, as well as being full-time students, allows us vast and daily interaction with other students, both traditional and non-traditional.

This is the source of our information and input. We were elected as the voice of representation for non-traditional students.

We can therefore, without hesita-

tion, state that a non-traditional student orientation is not for the purpose of segregation but for the purpose of providing a smooth transition and complete integration into campus life.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how we can better serve you and other concerned students on our campus. It's important for us to remain informed of your needs and opinions.

Cathy Miller
Pam Francis
Student senate members

Lancaster lot needs to be better protected

I am a law enforcement major and recently was the unfortunate recipient of a slashed convertible top and a ripped-up dashboard. The wonderful bearer of these great gifts was also kind enough to remove my car stereo.

I have never been the victim of any criminal activity before and never really looked forward to being put through this unpleasant predicament.

I am very shocked that someone had the audacity to break into my car, steal the radio and rummage through my glove compartment. I was not aware this kind of incident was a problem on our campus.

After speaking to several other students and reading "Police Beat" printed each week, I realize many others have been victimized.

At the time of the incident, I was legally parked in the front of Lancaster lot, where I believed my car was safe and in no danger of

being broken into during the night.

Apparently though, this lot serves as the pool of opportunity for the majority of break-ins and destruction of students' automobiles.

I want to know why more protective measures are not being taken to prevent vandalism and break-ins of cars parked in this lot.

I think video cameras should be installed, not only to monitor the cars parked overnight but those just wandering around that have no business in the lot.

I also believe if more lights are put in, students would feel safer at night when walking to and from their cars. The well-lit areas would discourage criminals from breaking into cars because of the chance of someone seeing them in the act.

Also, more police cars need to be patrolling this lot at various intervals during the night time hours. If more police cars were seen in

Lancaster lot, crime would curb and students would feel safer. I think these few, simple steps could be implemented into plausible solutions.

Some may think I am writing this letter because I'm angry and upset about my radio being stolen and my convertible top being destroyed. Guess what? You are absolutely correct. But, I'm also genuinely concerned about other students who have been victimized or have the high probability of being victimized because they have to park in Lancaster lot.

Hopefully, public safety will start to see these serious occurrences of criminal activity are a real problem and concern of students and that effective measures should be taken to end these senseless and destructive actions.

Jenny Kaelin
Police administration

Student employee deserves better recognition

I am writing to express my disappointment with the Progress and the manner in which the student employee of the year, Sherrie Bullock, was announced in the paper.

While I am glad it was even mentioned at all, I feel it was worthy of more than a news brief. Could the Progress not even put in a photo of Sherrie? You printed a picture of the tryouts for cheerleader

and not this? There was a photographer representing the Progress at the awards ceremony, so where are the photos? I would also like to note that Sherrie, representing Eastern as a local winner, was the student employee of the year winner for the state of Kentucky, which is sponsored by the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators.

There was a nice article last

week about the ceremony and the nominees, but I think the campus winner deserved more than that. I hope next year the Progress will try to do better on the coverage of this yearly award as our student employees and their accomplishments do deserve much better. Without them, a lot of us could not function.

Suzanne Tipton
Student employment

COMICS

by Victor M. Cuellar



PEOPLE POLL

Compiled by Marie Moffitt

Q: How has Spring Fever affected you?



Chris McCormick, freshman, computer electronic publishing, Campbell.

"It hasn't affected me any because it isn't here."



Jenae Grader, sophomore, clinical laboratory science, High Point, N.C.

"I don't want to study as much."



Joel Fenwick, junior, manufacturing/printing, Louisville.

"John 14:6."



Michella Howard, junior, psychology, Louisville.

"Even though the weather hasn't been the greatest, I'm happy to know the semester is almost over."



Jeffrey Herron, freshman, social work, Lexington.

"It has given me headaches."



Khrista Rice, freshman, elementary education, Ashland.

"It makes me want to be outside all the time and not study."

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News Briefs

Compiled by Dustin Smothers

Loan recipients may not be eligible for more

Campus Federal Stafford Loan annual limits now cover a 12-month period. This means that students who received a Federal Stafford Loan (subsidized and/or unsubsidized) for the maximum amount during the 1995 fall and 1996 spring semesters cannot receive any Stafford Loan money for intersession or summer school.

The Division of Student Financial Assistance will be conducting exit counseling for all Stafford recipients who will be graduating in May. The sessions will begin every hour starting at 9 a.m. and lasting until 5 p.m. April 29 and 30 in the Keen Johnson Building. Come prepared to give two references complete with address.

Library building to be dedicated

The new \$13 million Crabbe Library extension will be formally dedicated to Thomas and Hazel Little April 27. A public ceremony at 2 p.m. on the library lawn will honor the Paint Lick natives who devoted a lifetime to education.

An open house and reception will follow the ceremonies.

Library week festivities planned

Several activities are planned in the "Library Week Celebration" April 19-27.

On April 19, the upper level of Stratton Cafeteria will host the Book Fest, featuring over 40 local and regional authors.

The music library in the Foster Building will be dedicated April 22 to retired librarian Elizabeth Baker.

Retired Circuit Court Judge James S. Chenault will speak about "Eastern Kentucky University Remembered" April 23 in Room 108 of the Crabbe Library.

"The Art of Mystery Writing," a speech by English professors Hal Blythe and Charlie Sweet, will take place April 24 in Room 108 of the Crabbe Library.

The Grand Reading Room of the Crabbe Library will feature a special musical presentation by the EKV Roccoco Trio April 25.

On April 26, the Dick Allen Scholarship Award will be presented and followed by "Changing Our Future," a speech by Dean of Libraries Carla Stoffe, in Crabbe Library Room 108.

Library campaign reaches \$1.7 million

Spurred by a \$250,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation, Eastern's Libraries Capital Improvements Campaign has reached \$1.7 million in gifts and pledges, surpassing the goal of \$1.3 million.

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge.

Challenge grants are made to institutions operating in the areas of higher education, health and long-term care, arts, humanities, science, human services and public affairs.

For more information, contact the university's Division of Development at 622-1583.

Senior thesis presentation scheduled

The Sixth Annual Senior Thesis Presentation Event will be held April 19 and 20 in the Kennamer Room of the Powell Building.

The event is sponsored by Eastern's Honors Program and will feature 13 thesis topics.

On April 19, topics discussed will be "Developing a Risk Management Program for Eastern's Division of Intercollegiate Athletics" by Emily Leath, "Paralegal Certification" by Robin Mullins, "Convenience Foods for Rental Patients" by Cindy Draper, "The Lost Letter Technique" by Sarah Hatton, "Psychology of Race" by Cacy Clayborne and "Friedrich Nietzsche: Perspectives on a Perspectivist" by Chadwick Seagraves.

On April 20, topics discussed will be "The Future Online: Can Newspapers Survive?" by Selena Woody, "Jewelry: Reflections of Culture and Tools for Society" by Lisa Goins, "History and Importance of Probability and Statistics" by Jason Moore, "The Stairmaster To Heaven" by Kristi Beatty, "Perceptions of Date Rape" by Marti Burton, "A Historical Perspective of the Job Market as Relating to Advanced Degrees in Physics" by Rikki Roche and

"The 1995 Elections: The Struggle for a Multi-Party System in Russia" by Rich Dieffenbach.

Progress advisory board meets today

The Eastern Progress Advisory Board will be taking staff applications for the fall semester and will be discussing budgetary items for the Progress in its annual meeting at 1-3 p.m. April 25.

Abney, Walters among honored alumni

Gary Abney and William Walters are among eight Eastern graduates to be inducted into the university's Hall of Distinguished Alumni this year.

Abney, senior vice president of National City Bank, and Walters, president of National City Bank, will be recognized at a banquet to be held at 6 p.m. April 27 in the Keen Johnson Building.

Abney earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern in 1970. A year later, he joined the former State Bank and Trust Co., working his way up to senior vice president in 1984.

In 1988, he joined the Richmond Bank and Trust Co. as president and is now senior vice president of NCB.

Walters earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Eastern in 1976. Before joining what was formerly called Richmond Bank and Trust Co. in 1985, he was executive vice president and director of the Bank of Danville.

Legislators to hold televised forum

The six candidates running for the three state legislative districts of Madison County have agreed to participate in a

televised forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters and produced by American Cable Entertainment.

The forum is scheduled for production May 13 and will be shown live on Berea and Richmond public access channels.

Taped versions will be made available for replay in Garrard, Estill and Clark counties.

The candidates in the Democratic primary in District 73 are incumbent Drew Graham of Winchester and Bobby Pearson of Richmond. District 81 pits incumbent Harry Moberly against Jerry Barclay.

District 36 which was redistricted by the legislature to include Estill, Garrard and the southern part of Madison County is being sought by two Republican incumbents, Clarence Noland of Irvine and Lonnie Napier of Lancaster.

Citizens and members of the media who have issues they would like to hear addressed at this forum should send their requests to The League of Women Voters of Berea and Madison County, P.O. Box 254, Berea, Ky., 40403.

Volunteers honored by Home Meals

Home Meals will deliver special recognition to dozens of volunteers who assist the Richmond-based, non-profit organization in delivering meals to seniors and others.

A volunteer appreciation reception is planned 4:30-6 p.m. April 23 at the Baptist Student Union on Eastern's campus.

"Without the efforts of our volunteers, we would not be able to perform this important service to the Richmond community," said Donna Jones, president of the group.

Home Meals delivered over 9,500 meals last year, averaging about 45 per day. The group depends on volunteers from local churches and civic clubs, as well as Eastern student groups and other individuals.

"We are always looking for more people to help with the noontime deliveries," said Jeannie Crump, a member of the board. "Especially with summer approaching, we will need to replace the students who have helped during the academic year."

Delivering on one of the four daily routes with 10 to 15 meals takes about an hour. The meals are picked up at the Baptist Student Center between 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Anyone willing to take on a regular route or to volunteer to substitute on occasion should call Crump at 623-8994.

Police Beat

Compiled by Jamie Neal

The following reports have been filed with the university's Division of Public Safety.

April 15

Michael Shane Truett, Richmond, was cited for breaking a window in Brockton. Truett is not a student and will be sent a letter requesting that he stay off campus.

Richard S. Whitworth, 20, O'Donnell Hall, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

James M. Vicini Jr., Commonwealth Hall, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Wade T. Webb, 20, Mattox Hall, was arrested and charged with criminal mischief after kicking in a glass door at Mattox Hall.

April 13

James J. Pichotta, 19, Union, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and alcohol intoxication.

Jeremy L. Baker, 19, Commonwealth Hall, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

April 12

Officer Michael Kasitz reported the rear window of Tracie Doble's vehicle was broken out while parked in the Lancaster lot.

Michael V. Rogers, 20, Louisville, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Rhonda Bowling, Case Hall, reported several of her and her roommate's items stolen from their room.

Shannon Mari Hochaday, 18, McGregor Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

Monzell M. Silverburg, 22, Lexington, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

April 11

Monica D. Catlett, 21, Combs Hall, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

David H. Hoelscher, 20, O'Donnell Hall, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Derek L. Poole, 19, Palmer Hall, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Billy Janeway reported a disk containing an exam for a class

stolen. It was later returned by Anthony Alleruzzo.

April 9

Sylvia Napier, Brockton, reported that she and her sister, Sarah Cornett, were assaulted by Napier's mother-in-law, Patti A. Holbrook, while returning home from the library.

Jennifer Collins, Walters Hall, reported a CD player and radar detector had been stolen from her vehicle while parked in the KJ Carson lot.

Ronald Williams reported someone had broken into the Powell Building Recreation Room. Administrative Assistant Gail Hackworth of Food Services determined \$189.25 was taken from the video arcade games' coin boxes.

Jean Webster, McGregor Hall, reported several items stolen from her vehicle while parked in the Lancaster lot.

April 8

Phillip William Dalton, 30, Brockton, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and marijuana cultivation.

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New machines change election

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Slipping your vote into a box for student senate elections is a thing of the past.

For the first time, electronic voting machines were used during the elections on Tuesday.

"I think we will continue to use the machines," Doug Hanen, student senate elections chair, said. "It was a really good experience for people, some people didn't know how to use them and some did. Everyone seemed really impressed with it."

Hanen also said the machines sped up the time it usually takes to tally the votes. He said the time span decreased from two hours to 40 minutes.

He also said 502 people turned out to vote on the machines — 419 voted for the Melody Mason/Molly Neuroth ticket for executives.

"The number was drastically down from last year," Hanen said. "I think for the most part it was because there was only one team for president and vice-president. There was no running competition. The weather also may have played a part."

There might not have been any running competition for the Mason-Neuroth team, but there was one write-in, Hanen said. Mark Hamlin and senator Jeff Whitford were written-in, but beaten.

Hanen said there were 15 write-ins for senators, but only six won and will be a sworn-in at the first meeting for new senators in the fall.

Natalie Husband was the senator with the most votes — 81.

After the election, 38 of the 44 positions in the senate needed were filed.



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Lori Ginn, a senior special education major from Garrison, voted Tuesday during the student senate elections.

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Non-country act coming

Shai will bring its harmonic sounds to Brock Auditorium.

By MATT McCARTY
Managing editor

If you aren't a country music fan, you don't have any excuse to "Shai" away from this one.

Eastern's Center Board will present the harmonic sounds of Shai in concert 8 p.m. Wednesday with special guests Forta.

Skip Daugherty, dean of student development, said the show was finalized Tuesday morning and tickets would go on sale Friday. Tickets are \$9 for Eastern students in advance and \$13 for all others and at the door.

"We wanted to do it April 30," Daugherty said, "but it was then or not do it at all."

He said it was good, however, to do it quick in order to keep interest high.

Center Board has been criticized in the past for only bringing in big name country acts. Daugherty said this concert was a good opportunity

Shai concert
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Photo submitted
Shai, a four-man group who formed their musical group at Howard University, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Brock.

to bring in something "other than country or alternative."

He said Center Board attempted to bring Gin Blossoms to Eastern, but when plans fell through they pursued Shai.

The four-man group, which came together while students at Howard University, scored a double platinum sale with their debut release "If Ever I Fall In Love." The group has a new album out called "Blackface."

The concert will be in Brock Auditorium, which seats 1,500. Daugherty said if they draw 1,000 then Center Board "should be OK."

"If we have a good show, we might break even," he said. "There is a risk."

Forta is a local group similar to Shai in both composition and music, Daugherty said.

The concert will come just six days after tonight's George Jones and Daryle Singletary performance.

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Mason says talent lies in leadership, service

By JAMIE NEAL
Assistant news editor

Melody Mason began her political career campaigning for Ronald Reagan when she was in fourth grade. Now she campaigns for herself.

Mason, the newly-elected president of student senate, said she has always felt most at home in political surroundings.

"I'm at my best in this atmosphere," Mason said. "Some people play sports, some are artists, my talent lies in leadership and service."

Politics have been a big part of her life since she was in high school, and she has been a part of student senate since she came to Eastern, Mason said.

During the first semester of her freshman year, she was elected as a senator-at-large. In her second semester, she became a senator for her college, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She stayed in this position until her junior year when she was elected vice-president.

"Moving up the ladder slowly has added a lot to my knowledge," Mason said. "People were asking me if I was going to run for president last semester. That's just not the way I am though. I don't like to jump the gun."

Joe Hoffman, this year's senate president, said he thinks Mason's experience will help her to make the decisions she will face.

Mason and new vice president Molly Neuroth agree that Mason's role as president will differ immensely from her role as vice-president. Both said the position of vice-president is an undefined one.

"This past year I've had to create things for myself to do," Mason said. "The vice president job is somewhat unstructured. The position is all in what you make out of

it." Creating things for the president or vice president to busy themselves with will not be a hard thing to do this coming semester, Mason said. There is already a list of things the two want to begin work on.

"My No. 1 goal this semester is to make students more a part of this university," she said. "I want them to have a voice. Students trust us with their concerns, and I want to make them feel more positive towards this school."

Some items included on the senate's to-do list are a daycare proposal, a mentor program for incoming freshmen and a proposal for a student fitness and wellness area.

They also plan to continue the programs and issues the senate has worked with in the past such as the reach-out program, the PALS program and the delegate program. They also plan to restart a program called SCORE which is similar to a pep club for ball games.

Other than student senate, Mason is in many positions in which she can put her leadership abilities to

work. She is the first vice president for her sorority, Delta Zeta, a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, a member of the Order of Omega and is on eight university committees.

She said she has never looked upon any of her leadership positions as a way to gain personal benefit, but rather as a way to give back to the university.

"I love Eastern," Mason said. "I have been given a lot of opportunities on this campus and feel a strong obligation to the university and the students."

Mason, a junior philosophy major with a minor in political science, said part of the reason she loves Eastern so much is the philosophy department and it's commitment to students.



Melody Mason plays Eastern's version of "Singled Out," while Jeremy Stevenson, a freshman early education major from Hendron, attempts to woo her and win a date.

She said her major and involvement with student senate will help her with her future plans of going to law school.

Because she chooses to put most of her time and effort into the senate and other organizations, Mason admits she has very little free time.

"I'm just like everyone else," Mason said. "I like to go out and have fun, and I also love to sing country music. I just don't have time between my work, class and responsibilities to my sorority and my other obligations for free time."

The fact that she is like everyone else is something Mason stresses. She said she is a down-to-earth person and can listen to students' concerns, qualities she said she feels will help her in her new job.

"I'm a strong woman, but I'm

not always right," Mason said. "In this position, I can listen to everyone's ideas more and see what I can do with them. What good is a leadership position if you don't do anything with it?"

Her strength, Mason said, comes mostly from her mother and her close family. With seven brothers and sisters, Mason said her family is often referred to as "The Brady Bunch."

"My mom is my best friend," Mason said. "Her trials and tribulations have made me see the potential I have and know that I want to do something with it. Neither of my parents ever pushed me to do anything, but they've always supported me."

Mason said the people in her life are definitely her motivation.

"I feel my relationships with people have been a great accomplish-

ment overall in my life," she said. "I want the people in my life to know how much they mean to me."

Neuroth said she feels the biggest factor in the success of her and Mason's term will be the fact that they are personable.

"Melody and I have worked together since our freshman year, and we work well together," Neuroth said. "I think the biggest thing is that people will feel comfortable coming and talking to us about anything."

Mason said she just wants to make overall life on campus better for students and wants to represent their needs.

"I feel, as a person, I am happy," she said. "As a leader, I am happy, and if I'm happy, I can help the students to be happy."

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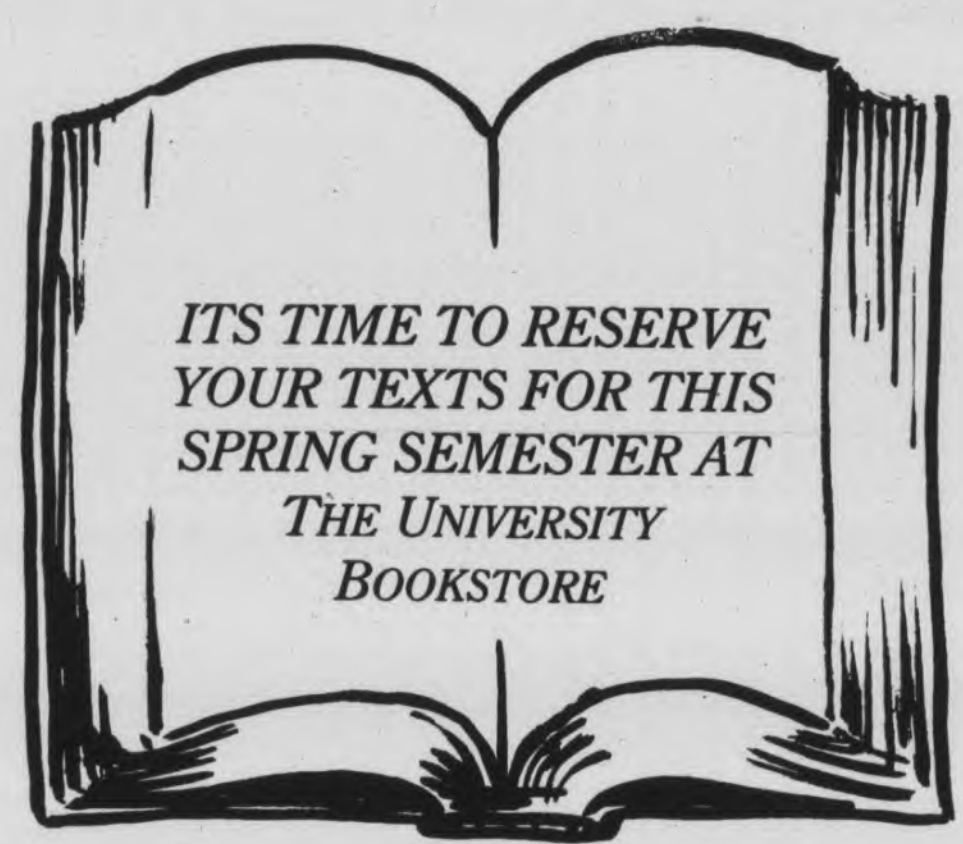
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PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

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A retired professor emeritus of



Hayes served in the Navy from 1951-55.

serving from 1951 to 1955 in the Navy.

He was active in 4-H, having served as the past president of the Madison County 4-H Council, past

agriculture from 1966 to 1994. Hayes received his bachelor's degree in 1961, his master's in 1963 and his doctorate in education in 1966 from the University of Illinois after

president of the Bluegrass Area 4-H Council and leader to numerous 4-H group activities.

He was a past officer in the Kentucky Bee Keepers Association and past president of the Local Ham Radio Club. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honorary Society and an honorary member of Delta Tau Alpha National Honorary Society.

Hayes received numerous recognitions as a teacher, leader, scholar and friend including the Kentucky Outstanding 4-H Leader Award and ECU National Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award. The agriculture mechanics shop at Eastern was also

named in his honor.

Hayes is survived by his wife, Susie; daughter, Deborah A. Turner of Altadena, Calif.; son, Thomas W. Hayes of Louisville; and three granddaughters, Jessica, Julie and Christine.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Grayville, Ill.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. April 16 in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall in Richmond.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the J. Lester and Nancy Miller Scholarship Fund of the ECU Agriculture Department or HOSPICE.

Two vie for faculty senate chair



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I'm much more acquainted with the various committees at the university level.

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RICHARD RINK, Senate chair candidate

Candidates say daycare is a concern

By MATT MCCARTY
Managing editor

Faculty senate will elect its chair for next year May 6 with two candidates to choose from.

Richard Rink and Karen Jannsen were nominated in the April meeting by Vance Wisenbaker and Allen Engle, respectively.

Rink, chair of the senate this year, said he wants to be reelected because there is some unfinished business he would like to complete.

"I want to see what we can get done with the child care issue," Rink said. "The need is there."

He also said grade inflation is an area the senate needs to look at. Rink, who has served five years on the senate, added that he "comes with experience."

"I'm much more acquainted with the various committees at the university level," he said.

No one has ever served consecutive terms as chair of the senate.

Rink said he thinks the chair is important to the senate because that person communicates with the

administration and makes the senate aware of issues.

"It's important for the chair to bring issues to the faculty senate," he said.

Jannsen said she also comes with experience, having also served for five years. She said she wants to be a "facilitator."

"I want to assist the faculty senate in performing the function it has," Jannsen said. "I want to facilitate the exchange of information and the development of proposals within the faculty senate."

Jannsen said she doesn't want to use the chair to pass issues she wants, but to pass those wanted by the faculty.

"I don't think it's appropriate for the chair to say, 'I want to get this, this and this done as chair,'" she said.

Jannsen also said she would like to see more recognition given to committee members and wants to make sure senate proposals are reflective of the entire campus.

"I want the meetings to be a place where people are actively involved and there's a sense throughout the faculty that faculty senate decisions reflect the concerns of the faculty," she said.



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Other multiple winners were Don Perry, second place for sports column, certificate of merit for opinion page design, and Terry Stevens, first place for information graphics portfolio and third place for art/illustration portfolio. Stevens and Tommie Collins also won first place in advertisement page for their house ad introducing the staff as "Super Heroes."

Other winners: Traci Dill, first place for personality profile; Michael Ausmus, first place for spot news photograph; Chris Canfield, third place for advertisement page; Tim Mollette, certificate of merit for sports page design; Monica Keeton, certificate of merit for advertisement page; Brian Simms, certificate of merit for general column; Nancy Elmore second place for health opinion; Selena Woody, certificate of merit for news writing; Matt McCarty, certificate of merit for editorial writing; and Walter Hopkins, certificate of merit for single advertisement.

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Lynch unchallenged for RHA post

By DUSTIN SMOTHERS
News writer

Michael Lynch was disappointed when no one challenged him for the presidency of the Residence Hall Association.

Lynch, a junior fire protection major from Indianapolis, and Amy Harrison, a junior pre-veterinary major from Irvine, ran uncontested for president and vice president.

"I went in there thinking somebody else was going to run," Lynch said. "I talked to another student involved and he said he was planning on running, so I was excited about the competition — actually putting on a campaign."

"When nobody else ran against me, I was really let down," he said. "I was upset because that shows a lack of motivation, a lack of interest in RHA."

With no one to contest the election, Harrison felt relieved but cheated because she also wanted to campaign for the election.

"I was glad to get it because that way I knew I was going to get it for sure," Harrison said. "But I like the competition. We were ready. We had it all planned out."

Lynch and Harrison plan to improve communication between students and resident assistants by distributing a biweekly newsletter titled "The Campus Community."



Lynch, elected RHA president.



Harrison, new vice-president.

informing students of RHA activities and the progress of passed resolutions.

Lynch and Harrison say they will work on building good open relations with media sources on campus and will encourage the entire campus to submit ideas to RHA.

Past RHA members have started a path for the new leaders to follow in improving campus living. For example, residents will be allowed next semester to bring fish aquariums to their rooms, thanks to past leaders.

Lynch and Harrison said other accomplishments they would like to make in residence halls are getting new beds for the rooms, laying down new carpet for the halls and adding stalls for the men's showers.

New activities have been planned to motivate the campus, such as the First RHA Awareness Week, where various organizations

will set up programs and booths in the residence halls to promote a dance and residential living, and the first RHA Rock the Ravine, where students can enjoy food, karaoke and activities such as jousting, virtual reality and much more.

Lynch said he hopes these activities and invitations will promote RHA membership. An invitation was what it took to get him involved.

Lynch went to a couple of the meetings and found them to be very fun.

"In the beginning there was a lot of energy there, and I saw how fun RHA could be," he said. "Then, after Christmas Break, things kind of fell apart."

Lynch said he decided to run for president after returning from a rather enlightening meeting.

"I decided I wanted to further my involvement, and I saw a lot of changes that needed to be made in RHA, so I decided to run for president," he said.

Because the two had the same plan for change, Lynch and Harrison decided to run together.

"I wanted to run with my friend Mike," Harrison said. "We work together real well as a team."

Lynch said the pair works so well together because they work in opposite relationships.

"I do a lot of dreaming, a lot of

brainstorming. I look ahead toward the future, and I like to see the end result met."

"Mike's a big planner," Harrison said. "He plans everything out. It's good to be up in the clouds."

"I've never been in the clouds," she said. "I'm not that kind of person. I'm a more realist kind of person. I'd be a better supporter."

Lynch and Harrison seem to be working well together so far. They have already made a brief outline of what they want to accomplish for RHA.

"I think we came up with it because Mike's an RA, too," Harrison said. "I think we know what's lacking in RHA."

"I see a lot of things that RHA can improve on — getting more people involved and getting better motivated," Lynch said.

"I also see that the university can improve in what it offers to the students," Lynch said.

Both say they think major obstacles to their plans are apathy and lack of student interest.

"I think right now there is a lack of motivation," Lynch said. "There are a lot of obstacles, a lot of walls that stand in the way from being in the position like this."

"I think people are tired of hitting those walls," he said. "I think it is time for somebody new to come in and tackle some of those obstacles."

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Cafeteria manager ready for challenge

Johnson says don't
expect too many
changes too soon

By ERIC COOPER
AND JESSICA STRIMPLE

New Top Floor Cafeteria manager Kent Johnson realizes problems exist in the university's food services but looks forward to improving on them.

"I've always liked challenges," said Johnson, who worked as an assistant manager in Iowa State University's food services for five years before coming to Eastern April 8.

"There are problems, but there's a willingness to turn things around," Johnson has degrees and experience in marketing and hotel and restaurant management.

At Iowa State, Johnson oversaw the operations of a cafeteria which served 5,000 people daily and where all resident students were required to buy a board plan. Eastern's cafeterias combined serve about 4,000 daily.

Johnson said he knows he faces an uphill climb and sees the position as an obvious challenge offering what he calls "a wonderful chance to do very good things."

Johnson said he is not naive about past problems, particularly faulty sanitation reports from county health officials last summer.

"Things got bad," Johnson said. "But we are not going to let that happen again."

Johnson replaces Nancy Pihl, who resigned earlier in the year for personal reasons.

Some changes had already taken place on the Top Floor before Johnson was hired.

Food services director Greg Hopkins set up an ice cream shop in the middle of the cafeteria to entice students in for a lunchtime snack.

Cookies and Creams, located inside a white picket fence, is open for lunch serving ice cream novelties, frozen yogurt, syrup, toppings and cookies.

Another new feature in the Top Floor Cafeteria is T-Bonz steakhouse. Prices for cooked-to-order

steak, chicken and pork chop meals range from \$6.95 to \$14.95 with an additional \$2.49 for a salad bar.

However, none of the changes include a drop in prices, an issue that sparked a boycott of the cafeterias in the fall.

"It is never a good time to lower prices," Hopkins said. "We're expecting an increase in costs in the coming year. By keeping the prices the same, we won't have to raise them next year."

With Johnson as the new manager of the Powell Cafeteria, students should not expect too many changes too soon.

"I plan to get to know the operations before I start changing things," Johnson said.

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Greg Cobble, an undeclared freshman from Irvine, gets a free hair cut from Malissa Spencer, manager of Lane's Hair Styling during Spring Fling festivities Tuesday near the Powell Building.

Flinging into Spring

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Melody Mason, newly-elected student government president, got a taco eating "old fart" and a free meal for participating in the students senate's version of MTV's "Singled Out."

Mason and her "date," Dan Nether, an economics and finance major, will receive a \$25 gift certificate for dinner for their roles in the event.

"Let's just say, I'm very pleased with my selection," Mason said.

Nether "got down" to win her love in true "Singled Out" style. Jenny McCarthy would be proud.

Besides "Singled Out," there were free haircuts offered by

Lane's, a Delta Zeta Cake Walk, free popcorn from the ROTC, a pie throw was sponsored by Theta Chi and Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi put people in jail to support their philanthropy. This is just to name a few of the 32 booths set up for Spring Fling 1996.

"I think it turned out really well," said Rob Lee student senate public relations cabinet chair. "I'd say we had more participation throughout the day than in past years, even though we had to move it under the concourse because of the weather."

At its peak, Lee estimated 200 people attended the event.

"I think everyone had a good time," he said.



Progress/DON PERRY

Russell Hensley, a junior corrections and juvenile services major, jumps for the chance to win a date with Melody Mason during Eastern's version of MTV's "Singled Out" at Spring Fling.

COSFL, Patton discuss higher ed's future

Efficiency stressed by "higher ed governor," Rink says

By MATT MCCARTY
Managing editor

Efficiency and technology. Those two words highlighted the meeting the Coalition of Senate Faculty Leaders (COSFL) had with Gov. Paul Patton Saturday morning in Frankfort.

"We're concerned with the cuts in the amount of money universities have been getting the past few years," faculty senate chair Richard Rink said.

Rink, along with Richard Freed and Nancy Lee-Riffe, was among the 26 members of COSFL who attended the meeting.

Rink said Patton told the group he wanted "to see us become more efficient."

The group told Patton it is concerned with technology among higher education institutions, Rink said.

"The state really needs to invest more money in technology at higher education," he said. "We need to keep up with other states."

Rink and Freed echoed the sentiments that the meeting was a positive one, which ended with Patton saying he would meet with COSFL again and inviting the group to give input to a newly

created task force.

"He seemed to be enthusiastic about meeting with us and what we had to say," Rink said.

Freed said it was "a good meeting, a good beginning."

"(Patton) suggested we do things that would enable us to have a greater role in some of the policy decision making," Freed said.

One suggestion was for the group to write short papers on issues that concern its members by Oct. 1 for the task force to review.

Freed said Patton mentioned "a lot of things about efficiency that were good," but "some things I felt needed dialogue."

One thing Freed said he thought

needed to be discussed was distance learning which he said "won't solve all problems."

Both Rink and Freed also noted that COSFL is the only statewide organization of university professors which includes both regional universities and community colleges.

Both said it is positive for these people to join forces to show the governor that the universities are willing to work together.

Freed said, in the end, the group left the meeting with more responsibilities within higher education and a "sense of possibility."

"COSFL may have a really important role it's never had before," he said.

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CUTBACKS: Middleton says problems aren't anticipated

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Kenna Middleton, director of residential development, said she had spoken with some RAs who were concerned about the cutbacks, but thought it was a good decision that had to be made.

"It has been a hot topic of discussion," she said. "I have talked with some RAs that have been very adamant that it's going to add to their load. But we do not see that the cut is going put an additional burden on the RAs."

The cutbacks will force one or two RAs to cover two or three

floors instead of having the traditional one RA per floor, Middleton said.

"It may require them to walk the floors more," she said. "But if we're all adults, then we shouldn't have to always have someone there."

Middleton said while every hall will be affected, she doesn't anticipate many problems with the cutback since at least two halls — Commonwealth and Keene — worked with smaller staffs this year.

"They were both test halls this semester," she said. "And honestly, I was more than pleased with

them."

Middleton said the cutbacks come after years of decline in the number of students living in residence halls.

"The numbers living in residence halls has declined, yet we've maintained the same number of RAs," she said. "That isn't good business management."

Cutting the number of RAs from 115 to 91 will save the university nearly \$1,000 a week and more than \$30,000 next year alone, Middleton said.

"Money wasn't the only factor, nor would I say it was they key

factor," she said. "I've been able to do the same with less RAs in halls already, and when you can do that as a cost-saving measure, then that is good business management."

Middleton said there is the possibility additional RAs could be added during the fall semester if needed since Todd, Dupree and Martin halls will be experimenting with 24-hour weekend open house.

"Everything is not set in stone. I can be flexible, especially with those three halls," Middleton said.

TRAINING: Money generated will offset salaries, Sayre said

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Individuals wanting to be trained to teach will pay a fee to take the course. The fee will cover the cost of the class and help pay the instructors, but no profit will be made.

"The money we generate will go back into the fund that helps pay salaries," Sayre said. "We can't make money at it. We're not in the business of making money."

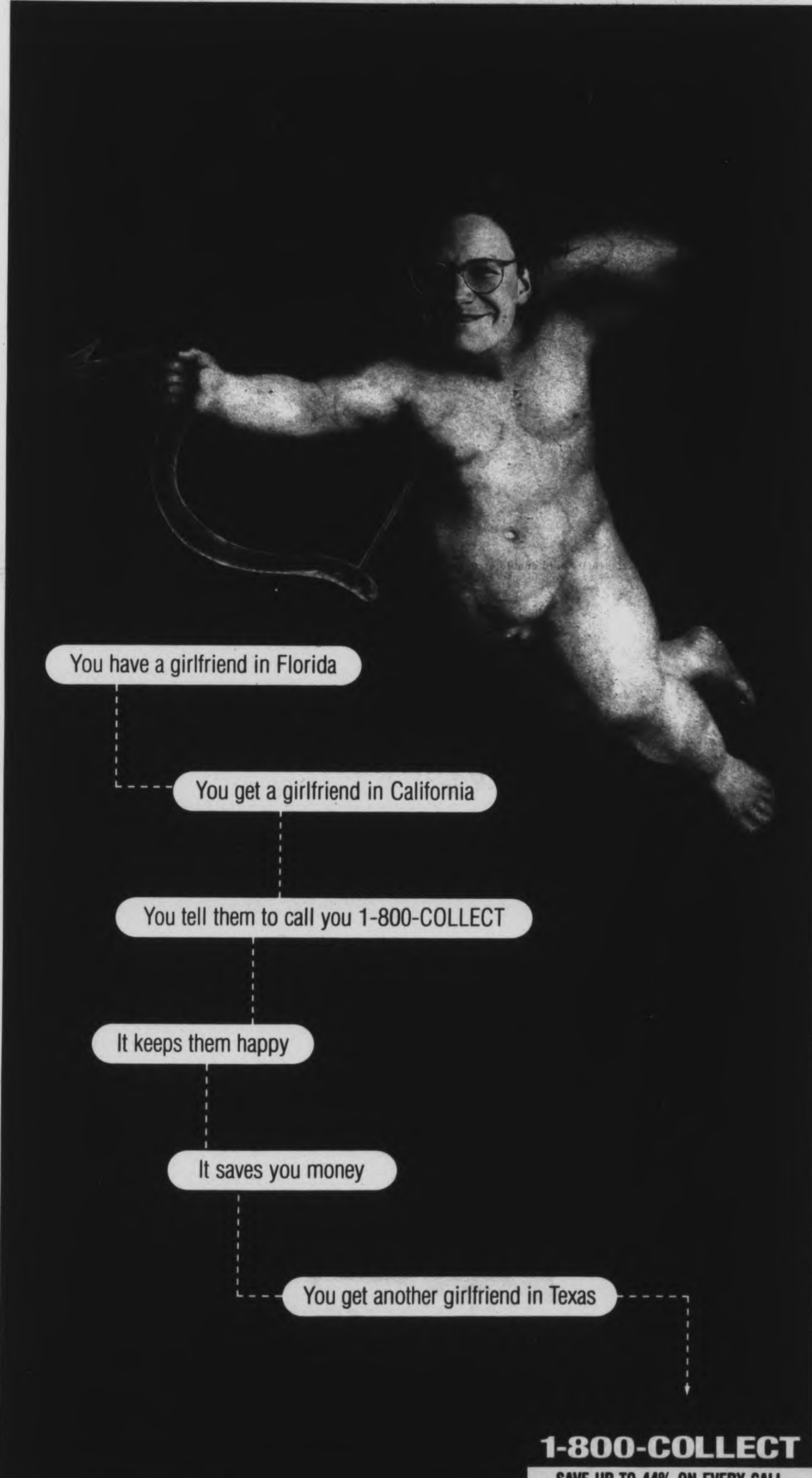
He said he didn't know how many people the department would

be training, but expects a large number.

"If it's anything like the number of inquiries, there will be a ton of them," Sayre said.

The bill allowing citizens to carry weapons won't become law until Oct. 1. Sayre said the public can be assured there will be "meaningful training."

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LIBERIA: Student worries about family

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engaged in a civil war struggle since 1989, when Charles Taylor, leader of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia, declared war on then president, Samuel Doe.

Doe was killed in 1990, by the Independent Patriotic Front of Liberia, of which Mwagbe served as a major.

Since then, sporadic fighting throughout the country and a recent incident sparking renewed warfare, rampage killing and looting have led to U.S. evacuations.

There have been 1,642 foreigners, including Americans, evacuated since April 9, according to Associated Press reports.

"My family is there. My daughter is there. I'm trying to maintain my level here. I can't—I just can't," he said. "I'm begging for U.S. intervention in whatever way possible."

He said he hoped Clinton would look at the long and special history between Liberia and America.

Liberia was settled by freed American slaves and many of those integrated into the culture to form Americo-Liberians.



Mwagbe reads about renewed fighting in his homeland.

"You see, we're too close for America to claim not to go in directly," he said. "America has more cause to go in there than she had to go in Haiti."

Mwagbe said he hasn't heard from his family since the extreme fighting broke out last week.

"I only stay in America to work, pay my bills and stay alive, you

understand," he said. "That's the reason I want to establish peace so I can go home and help rebuild Liberia. I can't stay in America while my whole family stay in Liberia."

"But, what, I go home and get myself killed? I am the only hope for my family. If I go home now and get caught up in the fighting, my whole family will perish."

Progress wins Gold Crown

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

The staff of The Eastern Progress was selected as a recipient of the Gold Crown Award, the highest award presented by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University in New York.

The Progress, the weekly student publication of Eastern Kentucky University, was one of six newspapers nationally chosen for the honor out of 405 which entered the competition. The judging was based on issues published in the 1994-95 academic year when Selena Woody was editor of the paper and Chad Williamson was managing editor.

"We are extremely pleased to be awarded the Gold Crown Award," said Don Perry, editor of the Progress.

Judging of the award was based on "writing, editing, design and production of a superlative publication." Other recipients were Indiana Daily Student, Kansas State Collegian, The Auburn Plainsmen, The Oberlin Review and The Oklahoma Daily.

The award was presented at the College Media Convention in New York City March 14.

Staffers net 22 awards

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Progress staffers garnered a record 22 awards in the national Gold Circle competition sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The awards recognize outstanding student writers, editors, designers and photographers in the country and the national competition for individual achievement is the largest of its kind for college publications throughout the United States.

Leading the list of winners was Mary Ann Lawrence, a junior from Carlisle, Ky., who collected a first place for sports page design, second place for single subject presentation, third place for feature page design and third place for in-depth news story.

Other winners were Don Perry, second place for sports column, certificate of merit for

opinion page design; and Terry Stevens, first place for information graphics portfolio and third place for art/illustration portfolio. Stevens and Tommie Collins also won first place in advertisement page for their house ad introducing the staff as "Super Heroes."

Other winners: Traci Dill, first place for personality profile; Michael Ausmus, first place for spot news photography; Chris Canfield, third place for advertisement page; Tim Mollette, certificate of merit for sports page design; Monica Keeton, certificate of merit for advertisement page; Brian Simms, certificate of merit for general column; Nancy Elmore, second place for health opinion; Selena Woody, certificate of merit for news writing; Matt McCarty, certificate of merit for editorial writing; and Walter Hopkins, certificate of merit for single advertisement.

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Music, speakers to raise environmental awareness

As the nation prepares to celebrate the 26th annual Earth Day, two campus groups are holding events to make people more aware of the day and its meaning.

The Sierra Club and the National Environmental Health Association make an effort to treat every day like Earth Day.

"There will never be another Earth Day like the first one," said Worley Johnson, the adviser of the National Environmental Health Association campus chapter. "The first one was held in 1970. Nixon had just passed the National Environmental Protection Act in 1969 and formed the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)."

"It was also the year the astronauts came back with photos from the moon," he said.

"Looking at those beautiful photos of Earth we realized how fragile and precious our environment was."

Johnson's group is holding a symposium today featuring speakers from around the country who work in the environmental health sciences field.

"We'll also be hearing from some alumni that are working in the field now," Johnson said. "It's kind of a career day and a celebration in one."

The speakers will appear in Rowlett 301, and a luncheon will be held in the Keen Johnson Building. A picnic will follow the event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Environmental Health Association president Gary Carter said he hopes that the day will get more people interested in a career in environmental services.

"The environment has always

been my focus as far as a career goes," Carter said. "There's a real need for people to be involved in this kind of work."

Carter is a senior environmental health science major. After graduation in May, he will head to law school.

"My focus will be on environmental law," Carter said. "It's fulfilling to be in a career that helps everyone."

Although Kathy Krebs, the president of the Sierra Club, said she feels that environmental awareness

helps everyone, her goals for her group are a little more focused.

"Our emphasis is on campus rather than the whole community," Krebs said.

The group is responsible for many Earth-conscious projects on campus.

"We try really hard to be active, but with only 12 members we can only do so much," Krebs said. "We recently started a pizza

box recycling program in the Powell Building."

The group also corresponds regularly with congressmen and is involved with many area clean-ups. It is also involved in a stream watch project for Madison County.

Educating others

Perhaps the group's biggest project is the ecological education program.

"I go around to any type of groups on campus that want to talk to me," Krebs said. "I tell them small things they can do on campus to promote environmentalism."

Sierra Club vice president Gina Burris said the new vending machines in some buildings on

campus have inspired a new recycling project.

"We're working on getting plastic recycling of Cokes because of the new machines," Burris said. "Recycling is one of our main focuses."

For those items that can't be recycled on campus, the group suggests people visit the Madison County Recycling Center.

The center has the capabilities to recycle virtually all types of trash.

Disappearing landfills

According to a pamphlet distributed by the EPA, Americans produced 180 million tons of solid waste in 1988. That's four pounds of trash per day for every person in the country. The figure is expected to jump to 216 million tons by the year 2000.

At this rate, the nation's landfills are filling up rapidly, and recycling is becoming a necessary option.

"Everybody has time to recycle," Krebs said.

Burris agrees that recycling is an easy way to impact the environment. "Instead of throwing stuff in the trash, throw it in a bin beside it," she said. "It doesn't take much longer."

Helping out on campus

Both Burris and Krebs said they feel there are many good projects on campus such as aluminum can and paper recycling, but more needs to be done.

"I'd like to see people pick up garbage when they walk past it on campus," Krebs said. "It doesn't take any energy. There are garbage cans all over campus."

Douglas Hindman, the Sierra Club adviser, said he feels people's lack of involvement in the environment does not stem from ignorance.

"I think we're all aware of the problems of the environment in general, and we all know what we should be doing," he said. "We just don't practice it in our daily lives."

"It's just apathy," Krebs said. "This is the only world that we have. We're going to have to start

FILLIN' UP FAST

■ Kentucky is one of nine states which have landfills that will be full in less than five years as the U.S. continues to place 62 percent of its waste in landfills.



doing something sometime."

Earth Day Music Fest

It is this message that the group hopes to promote at the Earth Day Music Fest to be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Ravine.

The day will feature live bands and food will be available at various booths.

The event will also feature booths sponsored by campus organizations like Theta Chi, the Art Student Association, the Recreation Club and the Dance Theater group.

Hindman estimates that between 500 and 600 people attended the event last year.

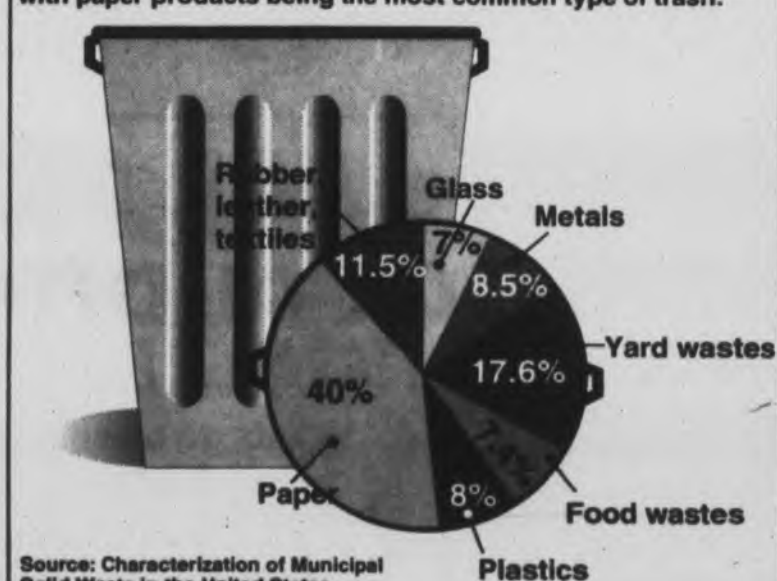
"I hope we can get a lot of students involved in a campus activity," Burris said. "It will be a lot of fun and will also educate people."

Krebs said education is her main goal for the event.

"I want people to see that the Earth is something we need to appreciate," she said. "I want to get them motivated and get them doing something."

THROWIN' IT ALL AWAY

■ In 1990, the Environmental Protection Agency estimated that Americans produced 180 million tons of solid waste per year, with paper products being the most common type of trash.



B2 PREVIEW

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Thursday, April 18, 1996

THE EASTERN PROGRESS

April 18

The Juried Art Show featuring all media runs through April 25 in Giles Gallery. The show is free and open to the public.

The Environmental Health Alumni Symposium will take place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Building. The event is sponsored by the Student National Environmental Health and the Student Industrial Hygiene Association.

The University Center Board presents George Jones in concert with special guest Daryl Singletary at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Coliseum. Tickets are \$21 and are on sale at the cashier's window in the Coates Building. Call 622-1242 for information.

Joyce Hall Wolfe, soprano, will perform a voice recital at 8 p.m. in Brock Auditorium. The recital is free and open to the public.

The Eastern Kentucky University libraries will hold the ninth Book Fest 2-6 p.m. in the upper level.



Progress/MARIE MOFFITT
Damon Boggess (left) and Charles Mullins portray psychiatrists in the adult comedy, "What the Butler Saw," playing in Gifford Theatre through April 20. Tickets are \$5 for non-students and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Phone 622-1323 to reserve tickets.

Stratton Building cafeteria. The event is free and open to the public.

The Earth Day Music Fest, sponsored by the Sierra Club, will be noon-5 p.m. in the

Ravine. The event will feature Grey Lucidity, Time Keeper, Kuchigura and Wigmore as well as food and environmental awareness activities. If it rains, the event will be moved into the Weaver Gym.

The 1996 EKV Jazz

Festival will take place 3-9 p.m. April 20 in Brock Auditorium. All performances are free and open to the public, but tickets are required for proper seating. Phone 622-3266 for free tickets or more information.

April 21 Junior Olympic Volleyball tournaments will be held at 9 a.m. Playing sites will be McBrayer Arena and Darling Gymnasium in Alumni Coliseum, Begley Gymnasium and the Weaver Building.

The 16th Annual Spring Choral Classic, presented by the combined choirs and orchestra from the university, will perform an all-American music program at 3 p.m. in Brock Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

April 23 Home Meals will hold a volunteer appreciation reception 4:30-6 p.m. April 23 at the Baptist Student Union. All students, faculty and staff who have volunteered with Home Meals are invited to attend.

April 24

The Hispanic Film Series will present "La Estrategia del Caracol," a 1994 film from Colombia at 6:30 p.m. in Crabbe Library, Room 108. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A single reed recital will be presented by the Clarinet and Saxophone Studio at 8 p.m. in the Jane Campbell Building. The recital is free and open to the public.

Upcoming

A ceramic and jewelry sale will take place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 24 and 25 in front of the Powell Building.

The Chi Omega Rollerblade-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis will be at 5 p.m. April 25 at the Stratton Driving Range. The cost is \$2 per person. Walkers and bikers are welcome. Call 622-4596 for more information.

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Richard Freed, who edited "Eloquent Dissent: The Writings of James Sledd," and Thomas D. Schneid, author of "Fire Law," are two campus authors who will be at the Book Fest. "Madison County: 200 Years in Retrospect" is the book which inspired the first Book Fest in 1985.

Book Fest recognizes local, regional authors

By Danna Estridge
Arts editor

More than 50 local and regional authors will attend the ninth Book Fest sponsored by the Eastern Kentucky University libraries on April 19.

The authors represent a wide variety of disciplines, including Kentucky history, children's literature, fiction, poetry and the sciences.

Many of the authors are university faculty members. "Our first priority is to recognize our campus authors, the ones that we are aware of, that have published in the last five years," said Charles Hay, university archivist and chair of the Book Fest Committee.

"After that, we look toward some very selected local and regional authors in a variety of disciplines," Hay said. "We like to call this a celebration of the culture of the book."

Hay said authors will be on hand to autograph their books and talk with the public. He said people may bring books they already own for authors to sign or they can buy books at the Book Fest.

"The purpose, primarily, is to recognize and honor these people who have published recently," Hay said. "If they sell books, that's great. That's not our primary purpose, although we certainly hope that some people do buy books."

One campus author, Richard Freed, said he hopes to sell some books during the event.

"I expect to sell about 10,000 to 20,000 copies," he said with a huge grin which almost immediately broke into a laugh.

Freed, an English professor, said this will be his first time attending the Book Fest, because he just published his first book in December of

last year. The book, "Eloquent Dissent: The Writings of James Sledd," is a collection of writings and lectures by a man "who has written about the politics of teaching composition," Freed said.

"I've known this man for 25

years, and most of his writings have appeared in journals," Freed said. "He's over 80 years old now, and a lot of his writings are kind of being forgotten, because people don't go back to the old journals that much. I thought it was very important to

preserve his writings in a form that would be accessible."

Freed said that although his book has a strong appeal to a very limited readership, he is looking forward to attending the Book Fest.

"It's nice to highlight this kind of thing, to highlight academic and creative achievement," Freed said. "On campus there are a lot of people who do publish books and articles, and a lot of us have always felt that there's too little focus on that kind of achievement."

Another campus author who is looking forward to attending the Book Fest as a featured author is Thomas D. Schneid, a professor in the loss prevention and safety program.

Schneid, who is also an attorney, has published three books concerning law which are being used as textbooks in some of his courses.

Five more books, which are being co-authored by other faculty members, are in the works.

"A lot of this we're doing out of necessity because we don't have books in our area that we can go out and readily buy or find," Schneid said.

"Everything we're doing here is cutting edge," he said. "You can't go out on the market and buy a book that covers the areas that we want to cover that we think our people need."

He said he is looking forward to the Book Fest, his third, because it gives him a chance to meet the people whose lives are affected by his books.

"Being a writer, you don't realize the impact the books have on people, not only on the educational community but outside," Schneid said.

Getting the writer and the community together was the impetus for the origins of the Book Fest.

Hay said Sharon McConnell Steed, curator of the Townsend Room in the old library, used to hold teas for faculty members and campus authors who had recently published.

When "Madison County: 200 Years in Retrospect," by William Ellis, H.E. Everman and Richard Sears was published in 1985, Hay suggested to Steed that it would be nice to do something special for the authors.

Steed agreed, Hay said, but suggested they invite a few more authors to join them.

"She realized, and I think we all recognized, that a number of our faculty do publish," Hay said. "And there are a number of local authors who have fairly close ties to Eastern. This would be kind of a way to recognize them, too."

'Butler' provides laughs

By Danna Estridge
Arts editor

You may be disappointed that there is no butler in "What the Butler Saw," the stage play which opened last night in Gifford Theatre.

But that will be the only thing that disappoints you about this play. From the opening scene, the play is non-stop action and outrageous humor.

The play is set in the office of a psychiatrist, Dr. Prentice (Damon Boggess), located in a psychiatric hospital.

The fun begins when Prentice attempts to seduce an innocent young woman who is applying for a secretarial position.

When his wife walks in unexpectedly, Prentice tries to keep her from discovering his intentions toward the would-be secretary.

As the plot unfolds, things become more and more complicated for Prentice who tries to avoid discovery.

The play deals with some difficult subject matter, including alcoholism, rape, incest, homosexuality, cross-dressing and mental illness.

"Butler's" ability to make the audience look at these subjects in a light-hearted way while not trivializing them is part of why this play is so good.

Another part of the play's success is the cast. Boggess is masterful at the double-take, the surprised look and the physical humor which at times borders on slapstick.

Rebekah Salyer plays Geraldine, the naive young secretary wannabe, with near perfect wide-eyed innocence, even when clad only in her

underwear.

Tressa Brumly portrays Mrs. Prentice with style, and Charles Mullins plays Dr. Rance with a subtle madness that is both outrageous and believable.

Spencer McGuire portrays police sergeant Match with dignity, and Andrew Bourne carries off what could be a difficult role as Nicholas Beckett with good-natured humor.

The humor in "Butler" is highly suggestive and definitely "adult" in nature, though much of the humor is in the mind of the audience and how things are interpreted.

Because much of what happens on stage relies on facial expression and small physical movements, the audience is seated on stage, close to the actors.

No one will be seated after the play begins, so be sure you arrive early.

This play is not recommended for younger viewers. If it was a film, I'd give it at least an NC-17 rating. I'd also give it three and a half stars out of four.



Photo courtesy of the United States Army
The United States Army Ground Forces Jazz Band will be featured at the 1996 EKU Jazz Festival.

Jazz Festival features campus, high school, Army jazz bands

By Danna Estridge
Arts editor

Jazz music will fill Brock Auditorium on Saturday, April 20, when the university plays host to the fifth annual EKU Jazz Festival.

Ensembles from Lafayette High School, Johnson Central High School, Ballard High School, South Laurel High School and Scott High School will be featured at the event.

The EKU Jazz Band and the EKU Jazz Ensemble will also perform at the festival, and a special guest performance will be presented by the United States Army Ground Forces Jazz Band from Atlanta.

Kevin Eisensmith, director of jazz ensembles at the university, said he started the EKU Jazz Festival to promote jazz within the Central Kentucky area.

"The festival is not a competition," Eisensmith said. "This is a chance for each band to perform, to hear other bands perform."

Four members of the Army

Ground Forces Jazz Band will act as adjudicators and prepare comment sheets for each high school band.

"They're simply given comments as far as what they might consider doing to help their band develop and play better," Eisensmith said.

Each of the high school bands will also receive a participation plaque.

"The main thing is to have fun, to get out and play, to hear some other bands and to have a whole day of jazz," Eisensmith said.

Jazz has its roots in a nucleus of music — the spiritual music sung by slaves — from which rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues also sprang.

"What you have in jazz is originally a vocal style, a piece of music that was sung," Eisensmith said.

"Instruments then were used to back up the voice and instruments began to imitate the voice in terms of inflections and approach to the style. It then became an instrumental form in its own right."

Eisensmith said the big band sound of the 1940s and 1950s arose from Dixieland jazz by expanding a single trumpet, trombone and saxophone into multiples of each instrument and adding a rhythm section.

The U.S. Army Ground Forces Jazz Band features some big band music as well as various styles of jazz. The band has been featured with such jazz greats as Bill Waltrous, Cab Calloway, Roy Haynes and Louis Bellson.

The band features ensemble playing and various solo improvisational styles, one of the hallmarks of jazz music, Eisensmith said.

"When the soloist stands up to play, they don't know what they're going to do," Eisensmith said. "They may have some ideas, but it's very spontaneous, and that makes it very exciting."

The Jazz Festival takes place at 3 p.m. April 20 in Brock Auditorium. Admission is free, but tickets should be obtained for proper seating. For tickets, phone 622-3266.



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Grad went from baseball to tobacco field

By LANNY BRANNOCK
Staff writer

Over two decades ago, John Thomas traded in his Colonel baseball bat for a tobacco knife and overalls.

Without the opportunity to play professionally, Thomas stayed in Madison County not far from where he was born and has made his life as a farmer and the manager of the Agriculture Credit Association in Richmond.

He recently received an award from the Richmond City Chamber of Commerce for his service to the agricultural community of Richmond.

"I am pretty involved with the area agriculture. That's probably why I received the award — for all the hamburgers I have flipped over the years," Thomas said.

But that award was just one in a historic line for Thomas.

In 1973, he was a top-ranked base stealer for the Colonel baseball team. He burned up the base paths so much in his freshman year that he placed second in the nation with 34 steals.

He averaged nearly one steal per game, mostly doing "courtesy" running for the pitchers and catchers when they reached base.



Progress/MARIE MOFFITT
John Thomas is tied for the Colonel record in stolen bases with 82 from 1973-1976.

Although Thomas never had another season of that caliber, he is still tied for the all-time team record with Scott Fromwiller (1983-85) with 82 steals from 1973-1976.

He also leads the stolen base percentage for all-time with a .921 steal percentage, being thrown out

only seven times during his four-year career. In his sophomore season as a shortstop for the Colonels, Thomas was a perfect 21 for 21 in stolen base attempts.

After leaving his mark on the record books of Colonel baseball, Thomas went on to his real calling — farming.

Thomas married his wife, Sherry, in 1975 and graduated from Eastern in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and minor in business. Later came two daughters, Leah and Lauren.

Thomas played industrial league softball for six years after his college days. Then his love for the game lead him down the coaching path.

He is now content with just playing for and coaching the softball team at Union City Christian Church, where he is also the treasurer and a deacon.

"If I can get 10 players to show up, I'll just coach," Thomas said.

Despite having a successful college athletic career, Thomas said he'd rather take part in sports from the bleachers.

"I like sports. I was just more into participation than watching then. I like to play. With farming and my job and wife and the girls, something had to give," Thomas

said.

Thomas said he is content to follow his daughters when they are participating in summer softball, cheering for the Madison Central boys or participating on the Madison Middle drill team.

"I have probably attended more basketball games in the last two years than I did from graduation until two years ago," Thomas said.

Being a local farmer with 140 cows and 10 to 12 acres of tobacco each year, Thomas likes being in the fields. He also serves his fellow farmers by giving them loans through the Agriculture Credit Association.

But turning down his contemporaries for loans has become one of the tougher parts of his job.

"Sometimes we think we are a better friend by saying no," Thomas said. "It gets tough sometimes. The farm economy changes drastically."

Change is something not unknown to the Eastern baseball great. From a base-stealing speedster, to college graduation, to a family and a job, he has made many changes throughout his life to do what he loves.

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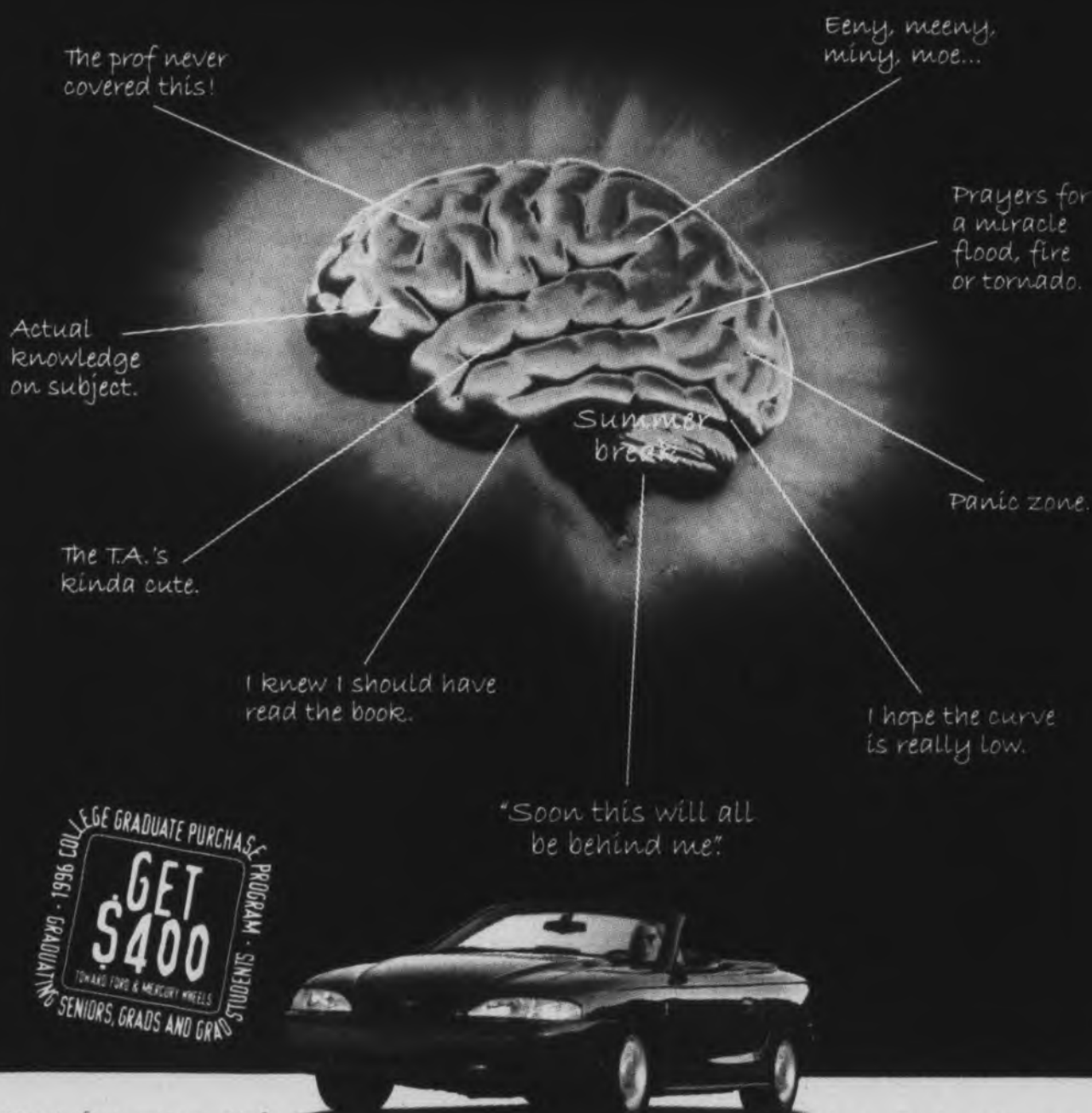
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Dance Theatre gets in step

By JANNA GILLASPIE
Activities editor

Young children, dance majors and minors and graduates of the dance program have all been practicing long hours for their performances.

At a video taping practice Friday, four children in brightly colored shirts playfully danced in a circle.

Other dancers tried to hurry and practice their moves and get their lighting right so they could get to class or work.

But they will all be together for their performances April 28 and 29.

The dance concert, directed by Marianne McAdam, will feature a wide variety of dance styles.

One performance, set to the music "Return to Me," features a dancer who has lost her lover and remembers their time together while watching a mirror image of the couple.

Five members of the university's choreography class will perform a spontaneous performance for some "comic relief" as McAdam called it. The performance uses several props such as a full-length mirror, a hairbrush, a chair, a box of various balls and an aerobic workout mat.

Another performance will feature yoga moves taught in the yoga class and a scene of a crack addict reaching the point of desperation.

The finale is a choreographed "walking dance." It will feature all of the performers in "everyday clothes" walking and enter-twining and weaving across the stage.

Shameless Country will also perform.

Four of the performers are completing independent dance studies for dance majors, McAdam said. Every choreographer for the performance is a dance minor.

The Dance Theatre performs modern, jazz, ballet, ethnic and social dances.

If you would like to become a part of the Dance Theatre, register



Becky Tober, a physical education and athletic training major, will perform at the Dance Theatre concert April 28 and 29.

for a dance technique class, PHE 250 or 550. The class is offered from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays next semester.

The dance concert will be at 8 p.m. April 28 and 29 in the Weaver Gym.

The cost of the performance is \$5 general admission, \$3 for students and \$1 for children under 12. For more information about the Dance Theatre or other dance opportunities in the physical education department, contact Marianne McAdam at 622-1901.

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FACE OFF



Kathy Jo Neal, little sister of Jennifer Neal, got her face painted by Kelly Tallaferro, a staff assistant from Case Hall, during RHA's Lil' Sibs Weekend.

Progress/MARIE MOFFITT

Group helps meetings get in order

By ALYSSA BRAMLAGE
Staff writer

Everyone at some time or another has had to sit through a meeting. Everyone can share a meeting story, and a common word repeated throughout the story would probably be boring or some other appropriate synonym.

Martha Grise, an English professor and a registered parliamentarian, agrees and wants to change that.

To do so, she has formed the Eastern Kentucky University Parliamentary Study Group.

The purpose of the group is to teach the members how to conduct meetings in a fair and efficient way by learning parliamentary procedures and leadership skills, Grise said.

Parliamentary procedure is a set of rules for democratic assemblies. Henry Robert developed the rules, and therefore they are often referred to as Robert's Rules.

Basically, if a meeting is being conducted, Robert's Rules should be used. Robert's Rules "are very complex and to become an expert in them involves very long and hard study," she said.

But she noted that most people with a firm grasp of these rules will advance very rapidly in their field.

The campus group will give its members practice in Robert's Rules and then put the skills to use by conducting mock meetings and critiquing them.

The group will also review by-law procedure and convention practices such as what a delegate at a

convention should do.

Anyone is free to join the group. People who feel that their academic or business lives could benefit from learning what the group has to offer are welcome to join.

"Sometimes people are called upon to preside, and they don't have the skills," she said. "This is too late to be thinking about it."

Even general members would benefit from learning Robert's Rules. Many people don't contribute, because they don't know the procedure, Grise said. Learning them gives confidence.

The Parliamentary Study Group's next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. April 28 in Case Annex 471. Officers will be elected then.

If you have any questions, call Martha Grise at 622-3178.

Gospel Ensemble, picnic planned for black family weekend activities



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The Gospel Ensemble will sing during Black Family Weekend.

By JANNA GILLASPIE
Activities editor

The upcoming Black Family Weekend will be full of fun, food and football for all.

The weekend is an opportunity for incoming freshmen, currently enrolled students and their families to learn about Eastern and experience some of the campus life.

"It's a great opportunity for first-time freshmen to come and get a first hand look at the campus," said Sandra Moore, director of Multicultural Student Services.

The weekend, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services, will feature many activities for the family, including Spotlight, a picnic at Lake Reba, a maroon and white football scrimmage and an anniversary concert

Weekend events

- Spotlight, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Alumni Coliseum
- Maroon and White football scrimmage, 6 p.m. Saturday, Roy Kidd Stadium
- ECU Gospel Ensemble, 4 p.m. Sunday, Posey Auditorium, Stratton Building

and reception for the ECU Gospel Ensemble.

Spotlight will allow students, prospective students and parents to learn more about academics, activities and accommodations at Eastern. This activity, sponsored by the

admissions office, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in Alumni Coliseum.

Following that event, the whole family can enjoy a picnic at Lake Reba. Hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings will be served.

A shuttle from Alumni Coliseum will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be in the Powell Building.

There will be a \$5 charge for the picnic to cover the cost of food.

Following the picnic at 6 p.m. will be a maroon and white football scrimmage at Roy Kidd Stadium. The admission is free.

The closing event for the weekend will be the ECU Gospel Ensemble anniversary and reception at 4 p.m. Sunday in Posey Auditorium in the Stratton Building.

The program will include performances by guest choirs and the ECU Gospel Ensemble.

After the performance, the reception will be held in the cafeteria of the Stratton Building.

While the event will be bringing potential freshmen and their families to visit the campus, it is also a chance for currently enrolled students to learn more about Eastern's opportunities.

"It's good for enrolled students too, not only to get together with friends, but also have their families here," Moore said.

In order to prepare food and seating, reservations should be made through the Office of Multicultural Student Services in Powell 130.

For more information about Black Family Weekend, call the office at 622-3205.

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Optimism creates hope for future

Can you be an Eastern Kentucky University athletic fan and still be an optimist?

I struggle with this question as I look back upon my three-year stint here at Eastern. It's not that I have been unfaithful to the Maroon and White, although my support has been tested as fellow Colonel students opt for the more successful national collegiate powerhouses over their home team.



Chad Queen
ON THE SIDELINES

Despite my effort however, I find myself losing interest in a sports program that has a majority of teams producing more losses than wins with no recent conference championships and national

pross.

Of the 11 sports Eastern competes in on the collegiate level, only three have produced results and accomplishments since the fall of 1993 that don't live within mediocrity. Women's basketball, football and cross country have stayed above the realm of wishy-washy results on the whole.

On the gridiron, coach Roy Kidd's squads have claimed two of the past three conference titles, while ranking all three seasons within the top 20 among Division IAA.

I've been to many football games where we were supposed to demolish the opponents and usually did. But recently, the caliber of the competition has left something to be desired. (Need I illustrate with the Division III opponent that came calling on the Colonels last fall?)

The competitiveness of the Ohio Valley Conference appears to be down in recent years. Middle Tennessee has been a heated rival for a long time, and last year Murray State claimed victory over Eastern, as well as the OVC.

Middle plans on leaving the conference in football in 1997 to move to Division I-A. Morehead State has had trouble fielding a team, yet done a victory in the past three years. During this span, Eastern has come out victorious in all three Morehead meetings, outscoring the Eagles 139-24.

Morehead intends to play non-scholarship ball against competition outside the OVC beginning next fall.

As to the second Eastern sport deserving recognition, the women's basketball team struggled this year to an 11-16 finish. However, looking back, the team played to achievements above recent Eastern expectations in the 1993-94 campaign compiling a 17-9 record, followed by a 19-9 mark overall during 1994-95 and a share of the OVC regular season crown.

However, each year's squad is still hoping to be the first Eastern lady hoopster team to play in the NCAA championships.

Track coach Rick Erdmann has helped guide the men's and women's cross country teams to five out of six OVC titles over the past three years. The Lady Colonels have claimed three straight conference crowns, while the men came out on top in 1993-94. This season the Colonels finished as runner-up to Morehead.

Some of the lowlights of the other eight teams deal with hardships in the win and loss category.

The basketball team wrapped up its third season in a row with sub-par performances and records of 13-14, 9-19 and 13-14. In this season's baseball and softball diamonds, both squads have almost twice as many losses as wins, with baseball claiming a 13-26 record and softball 11-30.

Yes, all teams hit hard times occasionally, but the trends of the past make it difficult to feel good about some of Eastern's present accomplishments.

But, optimism after all is about things that could happen. So — bring on next year.

Sweeping rides on starting pitching

By BRIAN SIMMS
Sports editor

If Eastern baseball coach Jim Ward could be granted one wish from a genie, he would want three quality starts from his pitching staff that could give his team a chance to win.

Some magical wish-giver must have been listening to Ward's hopes because his three starters each gave the Colonels an opportunity to be in the victory column during their weekend series against Morehead State.

Eastern, however, could only muster up enough genie dust to win two of the three games, 9-3 and 5-4. The Colonels lost the final game of the series 2-0.

"We got three games pitched that gave us the opportunity to win," Ward said. "We got two of them, but I wish we could have gotten the sweep. We had a chance to sweep, but we just couldn't score on Sunday (in the third game)."

But in the first two games, Eastern (13-26, 6-9 OVC) had no problem scoring.

With senior Chris McDowell going five and two-thirds innings and giving up only three runs, the Colonels got all the offensive power they needed in the first inning with Anthony Adkins' grand slam.

"That game wasn't as easy as the score indicates," Ward said.

In the second game, Eastern once again got a strong starting pitching performance and offensive support to claim victory over the Eagles.

Joe Weatherholtz pitched five



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Battery mates Ted Elliott (left) and Jason Irwin hold a conference on the mound in a recent Eastern home game.

and one third innings for his second win, while Joe Witten picked up his fourth save.

The Colonels' bats got hot in the third with four runs, ignited by Brandon Berger's two-run single.

As in the previous two games, Eastern got a pitching performance, but lacked the hitting.

Jason Irwin went the distance, giving up only five hits and one earned run. The Colonel offense could not back up the junior's performance, pulling in only four hits and no runs.

"We didn't get the hits when we needed them," Ward said. "We hit a lot of ground balls."

With only six regular season conference games left for Eastern, the

Colonels are in sixth place, five games behind leader Middle Tennessee.

This weekend Eastern will again hit the conference road as they travel to Tennessee Martin for a three-game series.

"When we go to Martin this weekend, we need the same kind of (pitching) performance," Ward said. "I think if we get three well pitched games, we'll win two of them and it will give us a chance to sweep."

Martin features one of the conference best starting pitchers in sophomore Michael Blount.

Blount, who was named OVC pitcher of the week for April 15, hasn't allowed an earned run in his last 35 and two-thirds innings and is 4-1 with a 0.00 ERA.

"He's a terrific little pitcher," Ward said. "He's the same type of pitcher that gave us trouble at Morehead Sunday. He knows how to get hitters out."

From there, the Colonels travel to Cincinnati Tuesday for a rematch with Xavier, a team which beat Eastern earlier in the year.

"It bothers me that we lost 18-6 to Xavier," Ward said. "They're not that much stronger than we are. I'm looking forward to that rematch."

On Wednesday, Eastern will battle Kentucky in Lexington at 7 p.m.

"I think they like that challenge of playing against Kentucky," Ward said. "I usually don't have to worry about them playing hard in that game."

The Colonels lost to Western Carolina 14-10 Tuesday. Details were not available at deadline, nor were results of their game with Western yesterday.



Progress/BRIAN SIMMS
Junior Randy Blevins works on his pitching in the bullpen.

Colonel basketball squad signs three players

Women haven't inked anyone yet; expect three to four

By BRIAN SIMMS
Sports editor

On one side of the ball there is silence, but on the other there is enough noise to wake the neighbors.

The Eastern men's and women's basketball teams may have one obvious difference, but another is their activity during the spring signing period.

The NCAA allows schools to sign athletes to letters of intent between April 10 and May 15.

During the first week, the Lady Colonels have had no signees, while

the men have collected three.

"When you're after the best, you have to wait," women's coach Larry Joe Inman said.

The men's squad received John Hancocks from David Evans of Franklin County High School, Kevin Johnson from Sante Fe Community College and Daniel Sutton from Lewisburg College.

The men

Evans, a 6-foot-5, 195-pound forward, led the Flyers to the 11th region championship game by averaging 17.9 points, 10.4 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game for Garry Moore's team.

While at Franklin County, Evans was a first team all-state selection by the Lexington Herald-Leader and a second team all-state choice by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I think David was the best all-around player in the state," Moore said. "I can't imagine any player having more impact to his team than David had to ours this year."

Johnson comes to the Colonels after averaging eight points as a 6-foot-9, 215-pound center at Sante Fe.

He chose to attend Eastern over Xavier, East Tennessee State and North Carolina-Greensboro.

"When I came to visit, I was impressed with the facilities and the campus," Johnson said.

Perhaps Calhoun's prized recruit, however, is Sutton.

The 6-foot-7, 210-pound forward averaged 20 points, nine boards and five assist per game and was selected as one of the top 20 junior college players in the nation.

Sutton, an Elizabeth City, N.C.,

native, said he had many schools on his list. He narrowed his choices and picked Eastern over St. Johns, Hawaii, Wisconsin, South Carolina and Tennessee.

"He's probably the one who could step in and make an impact," assistant coach Marty Polio said.

Sutton chose Eastern because of the environment.

"I just liked the atmosphere," said Sutton, who visited the campus about two weeks ago. "It seemed like all the players were nice."

During the early signing period, Calhoun signed Eric Addie, a 6-foot-1, 185-pound guard out of Fayette County High School in Fayetteville, Ga.

Calhoun was out of town and not available for comment, but assistant coach Polio said the Colonels expect to sign one more

player.

The women

After making the semi-finals of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, Inman loses only Samantha Young.

He said that he wishes to ink three to four new players before the end of the signing period.

"We've got scholarships out," Inman said. "We're after a couple of kids. Recruiting is kind of like elections."

Inman said he lost one recruit, Ronyeld Sherly, to OVC foe Murray State.

Two recruits were signed by the Lady Colonels during the early signing period — Valerie Cornatt, a 5-foot-7 guard from Hazard and Natalie Mays, a 5-foot-9 guard from Birmingham, Ala.

Colonels sweep Tech for first time in school history



Progress/BRIAN SIMMS
Junior Jeanie King tags a Tennessee Tech runner during the Colonels' 11-4 win over the Eaglettes Tuesday at Hood Field. Eastern now stands at 11-30 overall, 9-9 in OVC play.

By CHAD QUEEN
Assistant sports editor

On a day that seemed more appropriate for flying kites than hitting fly balls, Eastern's softball team served up a double-header sweep of Tennessee Tech at home.

"We'll take any wins," coach Jane Worthington said. "The wind played a little factor — pop-ups became base hits."

This past Tuesday the Colonels came out on top 11-4 and 10-5 over the Golden Eaglettes.

This spring Eastern (11-30, 9-9) swept the series with Tech, the first time in softball's three-year history it has come out on top in all outings against the Golden Eaglettes.

The Colonels are now tied for fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference with Morehead State.

During the top of the third in the second game, Tech added to its 2-0 lead with the bases loaded. Two wild pitches and one hit batter later, the opposition finished ahead 5-0.

"Our defense was real shaky," Worthington said. "To give up five runs, it's tough to win."

Jeanie King rifled a three-run shot over the center field fence in the second game. Blancke served up a high fly ball in the first game and the gusty wind helped carry it over the

left field fence for a grand slam.

Second baseman Amy DeSmet required medical attention during the first game. DeSmet was backing up second on a steal by the Golden Eaglettes when the throw tipped off King's glove and hit her on the cheek causing a possible concussion.

Outfielder Angie Dunagan had a run in with a wall this past weekend at Southeast Missouri State while chasing a fly ball and required eight stitches on her knee.

In Missouri, the Colonels dropped both decisions to Ohio Valley Conference-leading SEMO 3-0, 3-1.

Eastern was out hit in the opening contest 7-3, with the Colonels committing two errors to SEMO's zero.

In the second game, SEMO erased a one-run deficit in the fourth inning with a three-run shot that led to Dunagan's injury.

After SEMO, the team swung through Tennessee this past Sunday facing off against Tennessee-Martin. Eastern fell to Martin by one run in both contests 4-3, 1-0.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the team heads to Chattanooga for the Frost Cutlery Tournament. Eastern is in the same bracket with Georgia State University, the University of Illinois, Furman and Chicago University.

Worthington said the Colonels need to improve on two stats to be successful.

"We need to cut down on errors and walks we give up," she said.

Eastern will face Marshall on Tuesday and then conference rival Morehead State at home Wednesday.

Spring volleyball to end at home

By CHAD QUEEN
Assistant sports editor

Eastern coach Geri Polvino's volleyball squad wraps up its spring season at home this weekend.

"We haven't traveled great distances," Polvino said. "It's always nice to come home and play in front of our fans."

The team's low mileage includes trips to the University of Louisville, Kentucky and Marshall.

Since NCAA regulations only allow for four play dates in the spring, the Colonels host their final play date Saturday in a six-team, round robin tourney.

The action gets underway at 10 a.m. in Alumni Coliseum with two courts going at once. Eastern's first

opponent is Rio Grande University. At 11 a.m., the squad volleys against Morehead State.

Morehead has crossed the Colonels' path in two out of their three spring tourneys and beat them on both occasions.

Afternoon matches pit Eastern against the University of Cincinnati at 1 p.m., then Tennessee at 2 p.m.

The final match for the home team will be at 5 p.m. against Centre College.

Last weekend, the Colonels traveled to the Thundering Herd Invitational hosted by Marshall.

The team beat the host school in three, but dropped its second contest to Morehead in three 16-14, 5-15, 10-15.

Eastern closed out the tourney against Northern Kentucky University coming out on top in two.

Polvino said one change seemed to help the team.

"We changed the offense a little," Polvino said. "Amy Merron put on a blocking clinic for everyone."

Eastern Spring Volleyball Tourney

When: 10 a.m. Saturday

Where: Alumni Coliseum

Sports Profile Brandy Bevans



Progress/BRIAN SIMMS
Brandy Bevans has the highest fielding percentage of any Colonels center fielder ever. The Moline, Ill., native said all of her accomplishments on the field happen because God allows them.

Sophomore shines, even on bad days

By BRIAN SIMMS
Sports editor

It may not have been one of Brandy Bevans' best days at the plate, but you couldn't tell that.

The sophomore center fielder went one for eight in a double header against Tennessee Tech, but let no frustration be shown to her team because that is the only kind of leadership the Moline, Ill., native knows.

"She helps other people with her example," coach Jane Worthington said. "She has a good work ethic."

That work ethic is what Bevans said she does to motivate and lead Eastern.

During one at bat in the second game of the twin bill with the Golden Eagles, Bevans popped up to first base and showed some disgust her face as she ran towards first. But immediately as she turned back towards the dugout and the rest of her teammates, that noticeable disgust had turned into a face that showed confidence.

"You just have to run back in and act like it never even happened," Bevans said. "If I stay up, then the team stays up."

For Bevans, the leadership role

comes without a sound. She does cheer for her fellow teammates, but she often lets them know it in her play.

"I give 100 percent, and in that way, I hope that the players will look at me and think that I am vocal," Bevans said.

Her coach expects the vocal Bevans to come around after more experience.

"Hopefully, she can be a bigger leader vocally," Worthington said. "Right now, she needs to take care of herself."

She's not only taken care of herself, but the center field duties for the team since she came here.

Bevans has started every game that she has suited up for, 101, and the results have been tremendous for the Colonels.

Last season she was given an honorable mention All-OVC award and was an OVC All-tournament selection. Her 51 hits and 27 runs batted in were second on the team, and she holds the record for highest fielding percentage ever by a center fielder.

"What ever I do on the field for the day, I do it because God allows me to do well," Bevans said. "I go up to bat and hope that God will let me hit it."

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